

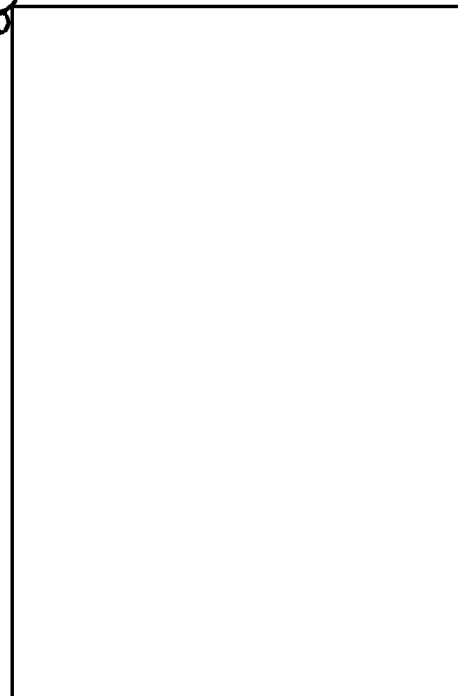
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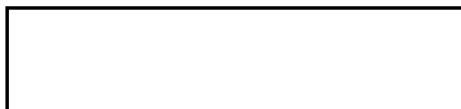
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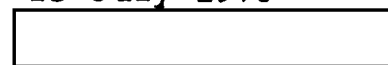
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CAMBODIASihanouk to Visit North Korea

Prince Sihanouk today told the press in Peking that he will leave next week for a three-week visit to North Korea and thus would not meet Dr. Kissinger "when he comes to Peking next month." Sihanouk added that even if he were in Peking when Dr. Kissinger arrived, neither he nor any member of his "government" would be in contact with him. Sihanouk also said that any meeting with Dr. Kissinger would offer President Nixon the excuse to tell Congress and the American people that negotiations were going on. He denied that any "delicate negotiations" were under way, as suggested by the US Government. Sihanouk reiterated, according to the press account, that a "settlement" could come about only through complete cessation of US air attacks and the elimination of the "traitorous" government in Phnom Penh. [REDACTED]

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The Military Situation

Communist forces operating north of Phnom Penh overran government defenses at the ferry landing on the Tonle Sap River on 12 July, giving them control over the entire 25-mile stretch of Route 6 between the river and the town of Skoun. Some Communist harassing attacks have been reported north and east of Skoun, which is astride the junction of Routes 6 and 7. Farther south, insurgent gunners are still harassing outposts on the east bank of the Mekong at Prek Tamerk, 15 miles from Phnom Penh. Elsewhere, the Cambodian Army's counterattack on Route 3 continues to be stalled ten miles southwest of Phnom Penh. [REDACTED]

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LAOSThe Week's Military Activity

According to a fragmentary report, North Vietnamese troops on 12 July forced small local defense units and refugees from the village of Pha Hom, a government enclave in the rugged hills of the north-eastern panhandle. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] the Communists have embarked on a campaign to oust government forces from this area, not far from the North Vietnamese border. In the central panhandle, enemy pressure reportedly forced a Lac Army battalion to abandon its positions 15 miles south of Muong Phalane. [REDACTED]

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INTERNATIONALWarsaw-Hanoi Talks on ICCS Expected

During another hand-wringing discussion of Poland's unhappiness with its role on the ICCS, Deputy Foreign Minister Bisztyga told Ambassador Davies on 11 July that North Vietnamese party leader Le Duan would visit Warsaw beginning 23 July after his stay in Moscow is over. Bisztyga added that he hopes the visit will contribute to a solution of the impasse at the ICCS.

Le Duan had been expected to return directly to Hanoi from Moscow while his traveling companion, Premier Pham Van Dong, toured Eastern Europe. His projected stop in Warsaw, with its ICCS overtones, may indicate that questions having to do with the implementation of the Paris agreement have been looming large during the delegation's stay in the Soviet Union.

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